

tional and advanced technical engineering and continuing education diploma courses with special attention to expand and improve training opportunities for women, rural population and the handicapped.

Commercial borrowings from Foreign Money Markets

6015. SHRI V.S.
VJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRIMATI BASAVA
RAJESHWARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any commercial borrowings from International capital markets during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the amount borrowed during last two years and the rate of interest thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to make more commercial borrowing during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Arms and Ammunition from U.S.

6016. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's import of arms and ammunition from U.S. rose several fold in 1990 as compared to the previous three years; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the import of arms USA during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details regarding defense procurements and values thereof can not be disclosed, in the interest of national security.

Grant/Subsidy to Handloom Sector

6017. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals formulated by the Government for augmenting the handloom textiles industry in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government are giving any grants or subsidy to the handloom sector; and

(c) if so, the amount of grant or subsidy given during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Although the Scheme for handloom for the Eighth Plan are still under formulation, certain broad strategies are likely to be adopted for the Eighth Plan. Some of the on-going schemes of the Seventh Plan are likely to continue. The basic change in approach in the new scheme would be an integrated approach suitable to weavers of a particular area and or/a particular target